employees, so as to bring them at par with the judicial officers and teaching staff etc. If so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to increase the age of retirement. In accordance with the terms of reference, the Commission is required to evolve the principles which should govern the structure of emoluments and those conditions of service of Central Government employees which have a financial bearing. Age of retirement also has financial implications and as such Commission may consider making a recommendation in this regard.

Loan by Asian Development Bank to Gujarat

68. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has proposed a loan of one billion dollars to Gujarat recently;

(b) whether the Union Government have finalised the offer made by the ADB; and

(c) if so, the details of key areas in the State where this loan will be utilized and when the same is likely to be received by the Government of Gujarat for its utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROS AD PAL): (a) to (c) The Asian Development Bank have agreed in principle to extent technical assistance to the Government of Gujarat for undertaking studies under the following heads:

(a) Capacity Building for Public Sector - Restructuring in Gujarat.

(b) Support Restructuring Programme of State owned enterprises of Gujarat,

(c) Capacity Enhancement of Gujarat Industrial Investment Coporatipn.

(d) Gujarat State Powen Sector Reform.

Further course of action with respect be ADB related loan assistance will depend on the reports arising out of the above technical assistance.

Outstanding Dues of Scbs Towards NTPC

69. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1427 dated 12th, December, 1995 and state:

(a) the amount recovered so far from State Electricity Board of UP, Hayrana and J&K as well as Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking;

(b) the outstanding dues of the above States as on date;

(c) whether power supply was reduced at any time to the above States because of the heavy outstanding dues; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken not to expand further activities of NTPC in these States because of the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The detailed position is indicated in the Statement (see below)

(c) The power supply to Uttar Pradesh was regulated by Northern Regional Electricity Board in November, 1994 and March, 1995. Power supply to Haryana was regulated in November-December, j